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In re the Application of: **Takeshi OKUDA et al.**

Group Art Unit: 1637

Serial No.: **09/901,572**Examiner: **To be assigned**Filed: **July 11, 2001**P.T.O. Confirmation No.: **4818**For. **MODIFIED DNA MOLECULE, RECOMBINANT CONTAINING THE MOLECULE, AND USE THEREOF****PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

March 11, 2003

Sir:

This is a Preliminary Amendment for the above-captioned patent application. Please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

CLEAN VERSION OF AMENDMENTS**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 12, line 10, with the following rewritten paragraph:

As the gene region nonessential for the growth of herpesvirus in the case of Marek's disease virus (MDV) serotype I, serotype II, serotype III (type III is turkey herpesvirus), there can be illustrated the TK region (Ross L. et al., 1991), US10 region (Sakaguchi M. et al., 1994), the US2 region (Sondermeijer, P.j. et al., 1993), the region in between UL44 and UL45 and the region in between UL45 and UL46 (a sequence from UL44 to UL46 (UVT-UL44-46 insertion site)) described in International Patent Publication W099/18215.